

Unit 5 What part do we eat?

Learning the names of various parts of plants.

Unit Aims

People eat various fruits and vegetables every day to maintain a balanced diet. When eating fruits and vegetables, we are actually eating different parts of plants. However, we rarely pay attention to which part of a plant we are eating. Through English activities with a theme on parts of plants, it is hoped that children will take interest in plants and their daily eating habits.

Vocabulary

root stem leaf fruit flower seed corn pumpkin peach potato
lettuce carrot rice melon broccoli cauliflower asparagus sweet
potato celery green peas radish

Classroom English

What part is it?

Is a carrot a root, a stem, a leaf, a flower, a fruit, or a seed?

What part do we eat?

How many kinds of roots did you eat this week?

Step of Activities

- (1) Learning the English names of various parts of plants looking at the page. P.23
- (2) Looking at the photos on the page and answering which parts of a plant they are. P.24
- (3) Categorizing the fruits and vegetables on the page according to which parts of a plant they are. P.25
- (4) Remembering what kinds of fruits and vegetables they ate during the

week and completing the chart by grouping the fruits and vegetables in groups of the parts of a plant. P.26

Reference

In this unit we have divided a plant into six parts; root, stem, leaf, fruit, flower, and seed. However, some plants cannot be simply divided into these six parts. For example, we eat the stem of an asparagus, but there are parts that will eventually grow into leaves. In the activities of this unit the categorizations are not so strict, but if the children show further interest, it may be possible to discuss such topics further in their science class.

Other Possible Activities

Extend the activity on page 25 and discuss about plants other than those on the page and categorize them into groups of various parts of a plant.

What other seed do you eat? Do you eat chestnuts?

A chestnut is a seed.

Ex. : root : burdock stem : lotus leaf : spinach fruit : pear

seed : chestnut